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—Samuel Gompers.

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Supervisor Dunn's First Move Memorializes Ed Clancy

REPORT —TO OUR READERS-OWNERS

Bad Unions Blasted

Reader's Digest has never been a magazine the present writer enjoyed reading, nor one that he has considered friendly to organized labor. But a fellow trade unionist has just handed in over the editorial desk the January 1955 issue of the said magazine, with this comment:

"Maybe this little magazine is unfriendly to labor, but here's an article in it worth reading and doing some thinking about." It is worth reading, and it is worth thinking about. It's entitled "Wanted: A Bill of Rights for the Union Man: Why Should Increasing Numbers of Union Members Be Losing Their Right to Vote, to Speak Out Against Their Leadership, to Know What Is Being Done With Their Money?"

The article is by Lester Velle. He names names. He tells of some unions that he thinks the record shows are not well run. He also tells of unions which he feels are well run, and which point the way toward better running of unions now not well run.

Good Unions Praised

With that timorous tactfulness which is alleged to be a leading characteristic of labor paper editors, let's cite the unions which Velle feels are models some other unions might well emulate, but let's leave to informed imaginations the names of those he condemns.

The Retail Clerks Local in Los Angeles is praised because it is determined to have members participate that it fines those who don't show up at meetings.

The Upholsterers International Union is commended because it has "set up a tribunal of distinguished citizens to hear charges and assure a fair trial for those accused."

The International Typographical Union is mentioned as one of the labor organizations which "already provide models of self-trust that others could copy." Velle points out that the ITU "has a two-party system. Candidates run on political platforms, debate hotly, and report campaign expenses. Under a referendum system, rank-and-file ratify all decisions of convention delegates. Accused members get the charges against them 30 days before a hearing. The local's members vote in secret whether the charges should be pressed, then ratify a trial committee's verdict (it takes a 75 percent majority to convict). The union's paper, The Typographical Monthly, packs more than 200 pages monthly with officers' reports and accounting of disbursements down to postage stamps."

That's a fine tribute from a magazine which, incidentally, does not carry the label of the Allied Printing Trades!

Voteless Local Unions

On the other side of the ledger, among other things, he tells of one big international union which "at last count" had 110 local unions without franchise, with the members unable to vote in local elections. Another union, he says, kept a local in that voteless condition for 23 years.

No use trying to pretend that all the practices he cites are "just a pack of lies." Many of them are facts, and they're doing the entire honest labor movement a disservice. To the credit of AFL President George Meany be it said that he has tried to clean up some of these messes. But how much cooperation did he get from other labor leaders in the New York docks crisis?

Mailmen Here Hail "Junk Mail" Ban

Local mail carriers were happy this week following an announcement by Postmaster General Summerfield that city and town deliveries of "junk mail" will be discontinued after March 31, 1955.

Summerfield's termination order came following a gradually rising crescendo of complaints by citizens in all walks of life plus the spur of a congressional investigation promised by Democratic leaders who now control the committees in both houses of Congress.

"Junk mail" is advertising material addressed simply to "householder," "patron" or "boxholder" without specific street address.

East Bay Labor Journal, with the solid backing of the AFL movement here, has been strongly critical of the "junk mail" scheme which was put into operation under the Eisenhower administration some 15 months ago.

Labor has contended that "junk mail," which has clogged the postal system, has been an added burden not only to letter carriers but to the public taxpayer as well.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

AUTO MACHINISTS 1546
CLERKS AND LUMBER HANDLERS 939
SHEET METAL WORKERS 216
MILLMEN 560

BTC Wary of Trick Queries By Committee

Unions affiliated with the Building Trades Council were cautioned this week to be wary of answering all questions pertaining to alleged health and welfare plans contained in a questionnaire which will soon be sent to various unions and employers.

The note of caution was contained in a letter sent to the local council by Otto E. Neve, general president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California.

Wrote Neve: "There is every indication that anti-labor groups will endeavor to use the information sought to injure organized labor and create dissension between local unions, employers and employer association."

And, he added, "While some of the questions may properly be answered by local unions, the probabilities are that the great majority of the questions can only be answered properly by the independent boards of trustees which operate all the so-called health and welfare plans."

He said he would advise the council further as soon as he receives a copy of the official questionnaire.

INVITATION

Council delegates voted to extend an invitation to the California Group Vision Plan to send a representative to explain the workings of the eye care plan.

ED CLANCY MOURNED

The council adjourned its regular business meeting this week in respect to the memory of Ed Clancy, business representative of Newspaper Drivers 96.

Brother Clancy, one of the most active and popular labor leaders in the East Bay, died suddenly at his Alameda home on January 1 of a heart attack. He was 60.

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15th: 69,493 eligible; 16,032 didn't vote.
16th: 58,320 eligible; 13,845 didn't vote.
17th: 64,541 eligible; 17,679 didn't vote.
18th: 63,880 eligible; 16,134 didn't vote.

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Fourth of County Registered Voters Failed to Show Up

County Clerk Jack G. Blue reports that one quarter of Alameda county's registered voters failed to cast ballots in either the June primary or the November general election. So the names of 107,239 go off the register, since if a person fails to vote in at least one of the two principal elections of an election year, the name of that voter is removed; he can't vote again unless he re-registers.

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Hallinan's Parole Plea Denied Right After His Party Collapses Here

Right after the party which ran Vince Hallinan for President of the United States collapsed in California, Hallinan himself was denied parole under the 18-month prison term he is serving at McNeil Island, Wash., for income tax evasion.

The Independent Progressive Party, in which the Communist People's Daily World showed solicited interest, ran Henry A. Wallace for President in 1948 and Hallinan in 1952. In the recent general election it polled so few votes in California that it disappears from the ballot henceforth.

With time off for good behavior Hallinan will get out of prison March 20, in any event.

James C. Purcell, one of the attorneys asking parole for Hallinan, says that it is "political persecution" which keeps his client in, since he became legally eligible for parole as long ago as July 6.

Oakland Bank

New record highs in deposits, loans and total resources were made in 1954 by Oakland Bank of Commerce, A. S. Weaver, President, reported today.

Deposits increased \$6,448,102.42 to \$46,287,989.57, a gain of 16.2% over deposit figures reported a year ago.

Nixonite Declares Haggerty Achieved Lincoln's Victory

Assemblyman H. Allen Smith, defeated by 41 to 38 in the race for the Speakership by Assemblyman Luther H. Lincoln, issued the following blast:

"It now becomes apparent that tactics of certain sections of organized labor led by Neil Haggerty have been such that several members of the Assembly, who had pledged their support to me, failed to carry out their promises."

Haggerty was given credit in the daily press for mobilizing the support for Lincoln, Republican Assemblyman from the 15th District in Alameda county. Oakland Tribune reported:

"Lincoln had heavy backing in the pre-election campaign from the California State Federation of Labor. Most employer groups, oil companies and lobbyists for some of the State's major race tracks supported Smith."

The Chronicle reported:

"All of the major lobbyists except Haggerty and the AFL representatives backed Smith. This number included Donald J. Cleary, San Francisco's lobbyist."

THE NIXON ANGLE

Cleary had been instructed by Mayor Robinson of San Francisco to back Smith, Robinson contending that if Lincoln became Speaker, it would lead the legislative dice in favor of Oakland against San Francisco. Randall F. Dickey was the only Alameda county Assemblyman voting for Smith.

However, an undercover fight was supposed generally to be raging between Governor Knight and the Knowland interests on Lincoln's side, and Vice President Nixon backing Smith. Both Lincoln and Smith are Republicans who have never done anything outstanding for labor, but Smith's record is much worse than Lincoln's.

Knight insisted throughout that he was neutral in the fight, but having combined to defeat Nixon in a bitter fight for control of the Republican machine before the last elections, reports persisted that the same struggle was going on in the fight for the Speakership as a step toward winning control of the California delegation to the Republican convention next year.

KNIGHT ON LABOR

Knight in his inaugural message to the Legislature Monday after the Speakership battle had been settled discussed several subjects of special interest to labor:

1—He urged continuance of the 6-cent a gallon State gas tax, which some labor people oppose on the ground that it is a sales tax hitting hardest those who have least.

2—He called for a \$5 per week increase in the maximum weekly benefit of \$35 for workmen temporarily disabled on the job. This would bring it to \$40 per week. The State Federation of Labor is asking \$50.

3—He asked that the \$30 maximum weekly payment to permanently disabled persons covered by workmen's compensation insurance be raised to \$35. The State Federation of Labor is asking \$50.

4—He asked for an increase in the maximum death benefits under workmen's compensation to \$17,000 for a widow with children. East Bay Labor Journal asked for \$2750 plus \$400 burial benefit; and a widow without children can get a maximum of \$7000 plus \$400 burial benefit.

5—He called for more severe and enforceable penalties for persons chiseling on unemployment insurance benefits. No proposal was made by Knight for higher weekly unemployment benefits. The State Federation is asking that this be raised from the present \$30 to \$50 per week. President Eisenhower and Secretary of Labor Mitchell have asked all the States to raise the unemployment benefits to half the average weekly earnings of a person. The Governor simply said that he would advocate increased unemployment benefits "with any funds saved through more effective enforcement measures."

6—Discussing "Labor - management," Knight said he would "discourage any form of punitive legislation which shackles labor on the other in economic and social welfare, often at considerable expense and inconvenience to the general public."

Graves vs. Baldwin Chronicle Rumor Dies in 24 Hours

Dick Friedlich in his column in the Chronicle said recently: "Latest rumor involving the future of Richard Graves, the unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Governor, has him running for Congress in the Sixth District in 1956. That's the Contra Costa-Solano area where Republican John F. Baldwin defeated the incumbent, Robert Condon, in the November election. Graves lives in Lafayette. The very next day, December 31, Friedlich ran the following: "Richard P. Graves will under no circumstances be a Congressional candidate from the Sixth District in 1956, he said yesterday. He's already given a firm 'No' to the suggestion. Furthermore, he is going into business, having formed Richard Graves & Associates, an investment company with private capital for use in urban redevelopment, transportation and other types of public facilities. 'I'll remain an active Democratic Party worker, though,' he added."

Locomotive Enginemen Dinner Party Jan. 13

Lodge 143, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, which was founded in 1883 and was joined by Tommy Roberts of the local labor movement two years later, is holding on Thursday, January 13, a dinner in honor of Brothers Adamson and McArthur at the Hotel Shattuck, corner Shattuck avenue and Allston way, Berkeley.

The dinner will be at 7 p.m., at \$3.50 per plate, tax and tip included. Cocktails from 6 p.m. extra.

This is NOT a stag affair. Tickets are necessary—the cook has to know. A. M. Brink, 2206 - 57th avenue, can supply tickets.

Adamson has been a member for 46 years, and is now retiring as financial secretary. McArthur has been an officer for 42 years.

738 More on Relief in County Than Month Ago

County Welfare Director S. H. Thompson reports that on December 28 there were 5228 persons on general relief, as compared with 4490 on November 30 and 3499 on December 1, 1953.

This is an increase of 738 in a month, and 1529 in a year.

THE STATE is empowered to require employers to protect employees from hazards of substantial equipment even though the employees do not use the equipment. Attorney General Edmund G. Brown has ruled.

Machinists Save Jobs Of 500 Lock Workers

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn. (APL News) — Efforts of Machinists Lodge 1294 to save the jobs of 500 workers paid off. After the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Internal Revenue Service decided to liquidate the Norwalk Lock Co., which was operating on a month-to-month basis with special court permission following filing of voluntary bankruptcy, lodge officers appealed to the Treasury Dept. The firm was given another four-month trial period.

Alameda City! Must Register By January 13

It's later than you think if you live in the city of Alameda, aren't registered, and wish to vote in the election March 8, at which 3 out of 5 seats on the City Council will be up.

To vote in that election you must be registered by January 13. And remember—if you failed to vote in both the primary and general elections in 1954 your name went off the Great Register.

There will be no deputy registrars going around; go to the Alameda City Hall or the County Courthouse to register.

Knight at Labor Council in County Where Graves Won

Governor Goodwin J. Knight was the guest of honor Tuesday evening at the Sacramento Labor Council meeting at which officers were installed by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the State Federation of Labor.

Haggerty was the principal labor supporter of Knight in the November campaign, and officially the Sacramento Labor Council went along with the Knights. However, Knight was licked in Sacramento county by Richard P. Graves, the Democratic candidate.

Haggerty and the Sacramento Labor Council supported Sam Yorty, Democrat, for U. S. Senator, but he lost in Sacramento county.

In Alameda county, where the AFL stood solidly back of Graves and Yorty, the county vote went for both of them.

Haggerty at the ceremony Tuesday installed Albert A. Marty, Chauffeurs 150, as president, and Harry Finks of the Cannery Workers, another Teamster affiliate, as executive secretary.

The Sacramento Union Labor Bulletin, whose former editor Jimmie Hicks resigned from the paper during the campaign to take an \$13,500 job in Knight's Department of Employment, said of the gathering Tuesday:

"Governor Knight's appearance as well as that of other city, county, and State officials sets a precedent as regards attendance of elective officials at an installation of a local Labor Council."

State College Urged For County as Aid to Low Income Families

It will cost local college students and their families at least \$50 per month less to attend school if the State Legislature approves a resolution by the Alameda County Board of Education urging the building of a new State college, possibly in the Hayward area.

At the present time, local students attending out-of-county colleges must pay the extra \$50 per month for the privilege.

Vaughn D. Seidel, Alameda County superintendent of schools, said that he had passed the resolution because there were enough high school graduates in this county to support a college. He pointed out that Alameda County was one of the few metropolitan counties without a State college of its own.

Musicians 6 Reelect Officers for 2 Years

All incumbent officers of Musicians 6, with one exception, were reelected to 2-year terms in a union election held on December 16. Cy Eynon replaced M. A. Salinger, retired, as secretary of the Marin County Branch.

Those returned to office included Charles H. "Pop" Kennedy, president; Ray Teller, vice president; A. Jack Haywood, secretary; Ernest M. Carr, financial secretary; Eddie T. Burns, San Francisco business representative; Al Morris, Oakland business representative; Julius Baglini, secretary, Oakland Branch; Elmer Vincent, Sr., secretary, San Mateo Branch; Ed Harris, sergeant-at-arms.

Board of Directors: Chester Antioch, Don Barrientos; Billy Catalano, A. Ray Engel, Albert A. Grebaum, Paul Rosen and Lud Toetfer.

Labor Council Adjourns For Clancy Rites

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning for Edw. A. Clancy, business representative of Newspaper, Magazine, and Periodical Circulators and Drivers Local 96, who died suddenly New Year's Day. Many labor people were in attendance.

The evening before the funeral the Central Labor Council, which owing to the holiday season had not met since December 6, convened, but immediately adjourned in respect to the memory of the deceased.

W. T. Grant Store Here Is Unfair; Stay Out Till It Signs Union Pact

Labor people were reminded this week not to patronize the W. T. Grant Company store at 13th and Washington Street unless and until they are notified through the columns of East Bay Labor Journal that the company has signed a union contract with Department and Specialty Store Employees 1265.

The reminder was voiced here by Russ Mathiesen, Local 1265 secretary. Mathiesen said that his Local has been conducting an on-and-off advertising campaign in front of the store in an appeal to the buying public to stay out of Grant's until it signs a new union contract. The previous union-contract expired last June 1.

According to Mathiesen, efforts to reach an amicable settlement with company representatives have been futile. The company is now being represented by a New York attorney.

Mathiesen pointed up the attitude of this attorney in regard to a Union Shop, one of the points that the union is insisting upon. "This attorney's reaction to our request for a Union Shop," he said, "is to claim that anyone asking for such a thing is un-American, and furthermore that any employer who signs a Union Shop agreement is also un-American."

Mathiesen revealed that in the past two weeks the company has struck back at the union by discharging three union members who had remained on the job. The reason given for the firing of one of these workers, who had seven years of service with the company, was that she didn't know how to handle her department.

Mathiesen added that Grant's anti-union prejudice is sharply defined by the fact that out of more than 500 stores in its chain, only five Grant stores have signed union contracts in the entire United States.

He then reiterated his earlier reminder that "even though our advertisers are not in front of the store every day, union people should understand that Grant's is unfair to organized labor and should not be patronized until the company indicates otherwise."

Company Union and the AFL Teachers Take Opposing Lines on Minimum Pay

The California Teachers Association, the company union, is seeking no increase in the present minimum teachers' pay of \$3400 a year, Robert E. McKay, the company union's chief lobbyist in Sacramento, announced.

The AFL State Federation of Teachers, on the other hand, in its 3-day convention at the State capital last week voted to work for a boost of the minimum to \$4000.

Even the company union expresses alarm, however, over proposals to weaken teacher tenure which are expected to get strong backing from reactionary interests in the current session of the Legislature.

At the Teachers' Federation convention State President Ben Rust said:

"Tenure proposals of the California School Boards Association would hamstring our present tenure system and make it easier to dismiss teachers. It would destroy our historic tenure system which has been in operation and worked so effectively since 1931."

The Teachers' Federation will also work for legislation to permit teachers to vote in a referendum on whether or not they desire to come under the Federal Security program. Recent changes in the Social Security Law provides for coverage of teachers and other public employees if they vote for it in a referendum.

Board Gets Plans On Franklin School

The Oakland Board of Education this week was presented with two plans for the construction of a new Franklin grammar school which were prepared by the board's engineers. The plans offer the alternatives of constructing the proposed school with inside or outside corridors.

When the board finally decides on which plan it wants, the first section of the new school will start going on the site of the old, condemned Franklin grammar school. Bids for the tearing down of the old school are now being let out, it was reported here by John J. King, labor member of the board.

He added that the new section to the Franklin grammar school, consisting of six classrooms, two kindergartens plus toilet facilities, is expected to get under way in the summer. While the permanent building is going up, students will be housed in 12 to 14 portables which will be placed on the site. The portables, said King, will house enough students to remove the pressure of double sessions for students in the Bella-Vista-Franklin schools by the Fall of this year.

King added that the new section of Franklin school is expected to be completed by February, 1956. All of the classrooms in the structure will be reserved exclusively for students, while school administration offices will be housed in a few portables only.

Plasterer Celebrates Golden Wedding Date

More than fifty friends and relatives turned out a week ago Wednesday night to take part in an open house celebration marking the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Newcome. Mr. and Mrs. Newcome, now retired, is former chairman of the Executive Board of AFL Plasterers 112.

Among the celebrants were all of the officers and many of the rank and file members of Local 112.

The celebration was held at the home of Newcome's son, Chester, in San Lorenzo, since the elder Newcomes now reside in Santa Cruz. Their son, Chester, is presently a member of Local 112.



DUNN'S INAUGURATION—Many labor people watched Monday at the Courthouse as Francis Dunn, Jr. (right) was sworn in as a member of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors by Superior Judge Marvin Sherwin, himself a former Assemblyman.

Labor Member Sworn in For County Board

The first official action by Francis Dunn, Jr. after he had been sworn in as a member of the Board of Supervisors this week was to move that the board adjourn out of respect to the memory of Edwin A. Clancy.

Clancy, whom Dunn eulogized as a splendid labor leader and a distinguished citizen of the city of Alameda, died suddenly on New Year's Day.

Dunn in making his motion said that he made it on behalf of both himself and Leland Sweeney, who had also been sworn in as a Supervisor a few months before, and who until December 31 had been Mayor of Alameda.

Supervisor Sweeney said feelingly that he had known and respected Clancy for many years.

Both Dunn and Sweeney were supported by the AFL in the campaigns in which they were elected in 1954. Dunn replaces George A. Janssen, secretary of the Board of Supervisors, who was succeeded by Harry Bartell. Neither Janssen nor Bartell ran for reelection, retiring voluntarily after many years of service.

LABOR ATTENDS

Three of the five members of the board are new now, Emanuel P. Rasetto, a legal associate of Republican Congressman John J. Allen, Jr., having been sworn in the week before after his appointment by Governor Knight to succeed Clifford Wixson, who recently resigned.

The two holdover members are Chairman Chester E. Stanley and Kent Pursell.

Many labor people were in the crowded board room at the Courthouse to witness the inauguration of the two-labor backed Supervisors. Dunn was sworn in by Superior Judge Marvin Sherwin with whom he served in the Assembly for years, Sweeney by his longtime friend Superior Judge Donald K. Quayle.

ASH SPEAKS

Dunn introduced to the audience his wife, Secretary Robert S. Ash, of the Central Labor Council; Hugh Rutledge, secretary of the union to which Dunn belongs, the Mayors of San Leandro and Hayward, which are in his Second Supervisorial District; Manuel Dias, president of the State CIO Council; and Harry Whiteside, Subregional director of the CIO United Auto Workers.

Sweeney introduced associates in the Crane Company, plumbing fixtures firm, of which he has long been the Oakland manager, officials of the city of Alameda, and Democratic Congressman George P. Miller.

Dunn Asked Ash to Speak on Behalf of the Labor People Present

ent. Ash said that it was a great source of satisfaction to labor that George Janssen, formerly president of the Central Labor Council, and for 50 years identified with labor, is succeeded by Dunn, himself a labor man.

Dunn in a brief talk spoke of the enormous growth of the State in the past few years, saying that never in the history of the State had so many people moved into one section within a few years as into the Second Supervisorial District which he now represents and which as a member of the Assembly he represented most of for 12 years. This enormous expansion, he said, means that "we must have cooperation and tax money to give all the services that are needed."

District Attorney Frank Coakley gave an interesting summary of the achievements of the county during the terms of office of Janssen, Wixson, and Bartell.

BARTELL'S TOWER

Bartell, who for years was chairman of the board, and who often differed with the Man in the Tower about policies, caused general laughter when he said:

"I feel especially grateful to the Oakland Tribune for so constantly keeping my name before the public. Without the Oakland Tribune most people in this county would never have heard of me."

Chairman Stanley called on Congressman Miller to speak, and after referring to his long friendship with both Dunn and Sweeney, he remarked that he was leaving for Washington almost immediately, to take part in a little ceremony marking the anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, the 84th Congress, which opened its sessions this week.

MANY UNIONISTS

It was impossible to note all the labor people present in the crowded board room, but the following are some observed there in addition to those already mentioned: BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL—Business Representative J. L. (Continued on Page 4)

Classification Tests, Oakland Junior College

Classification tests, for students planning to enroll for the spring term in the liberal arts division of Oakland Junior College, will be given at Merritt School of Business, 5714 Grove Street, on Saturday, January 8, and Saturday, January 22, at 8 a.m., it is announced by Clyde F. Fake, associate dean of student personnel services.

HOW TO BUY

1955 Cars: Costlier to Run

By SYDNEY MARGOLIS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

The ads and newspaper publicity stories have already told you about how the 1955 cars are more powerful, and more splendid with their longer lines and even three-tone paint jobs. Now we'll tell you a little of the other side of the story. They are also costlier to operate. Purchasers are going to get a few shocks when they see how

much it costs to replace such items as four-barrel carburetors, and some are also going to find themselves spending more to gas up these longer, heavier, higher-powered chariots.

Both size and power of even the Big Three lowest-priced 1955 cars is fantastic. In length, for example, Plymouth, which in '53 was a compact 189.1 inches long overall, now is 203.8, even though the wheelbase is only 115 inches compared to 114 in '53. As you can see from the table, it is now the longest of the four makes compared. Horsepower, too, has been stepped up considerably. Even Studebaker, which in previous years was more noted for gas economy than for power, now has 101 horsepower in the six-cylinder model while the others go up as high as 177-180 in V-8 models with the optional four-barrel carburetor.

ADDED EXPENSE
These four lower-priced makes now all also have at least 7.4 to 1 compression, meaning, the number of times the gas is compressed as the engine piston moves. The more the gas is compressed, the more power it supplies. But high compression requires high octane gas. This is an added expense, but it may be offset for long-distance drivers by the greater economy of a high-compression engine at cruising speeds.

Chevrolet and Plymouth have joined Ford in adding V-8 engines as well as six-cylinder models. The trend is to the V-8 among even costlier makes, because it is a more compact engine, and more rigid and able to withstand the strain of higher horsepower.

What's the need for these higher-powered cars with their probable additional operating expense for most motorists? The advantages generally cited are better passing power, and what the advertising writers call "eager thrust", meaning, you move off faster and more smoothly. Also, you can go up hills faster. If you live in hilly country or take frequent long-distance trips, the higher power can be an advantage. But for most family use in crowded city and suburban areas, the sixes still have the economy advantage.

HIGH REPAIR COSTS
But what is not so well known about these more powerful, and complex engines, is that repair costs are much higher. For one thing, high-compression engines are tightly fitted, and mechanics don't have as much tolerance to work with. Distributors are more complicated, and costlier to replace. On some late-model cars this part cost as much as \$40, compared to \$18 on some of the older cars. Or a new four-barrel carburetor may cost you as much as \$71 compared to \$38 for a two-barrel one for the same car. Too, the multi-barrel carburetors require careful attention, and are often not calibrated properly when the new carburetor is assembled. Automatic transmission and power

HOW THE 1955 POPULAR-PRICE CARS LINE UP					
	Price*	Wheel-base	Overall Length	Overall Horsepower**	Comp. Ratio
Chevrolet 6 V-8	\$1728	115 in.	195.6 in.	74	123 7.5 to 1
W/4 bbl. carb.				182	8 to 1
Ford 6 V-8	\$1723	115.5	198.5	75.9	120 7.5 to 1
Y block V-8				162	7.6 to 1
Plymouth V-8	\$1755	115.	203.8	74.6	117 7.4 to 1
W/4 bbl. carb.				157	7.6 to 1
Studebaker 6	\$1783	116.5	202.25	69.5	101 7.5 to 1

*Factory-delivered price of lowest-cost 4-door sedan including Federal excise but not state or local taxes, transportation nor optional equipment. Generally 8's of the same make are about \$100 more.

**Manufacturer's advertised rating.

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British Labor Man Who Spoke Here Is an Expert Tea Taster

Victor Feather, assistant secretary of the British Trade Union Congress, made a great hit with his humorous, intelligent talk to the Central Labor Council here November 22. Following is an outline of Feather's career supplied to East Bay Labor Journal by the British Information Service which should be of interest to our readers:

Born into dire poverty in the industrial city of Bradford, Yorkshire, in April 1908, young Victor Feather did part-time jobs from an early age, and at the age of 14 had to give up his scholarship to a grammar school and go to work full-time in a textile mill. This sacrifice had to be made to help his mother to support his invalid father and the family.

But the young worker had inherited from his father an interest in politics and "the trades union movement," for Mr. Feather Senior had been an ardent trades unionist when that meant being labelled an agitator. As early as 1923 the youth began to show those qualities of leadership which made him a leader of men right through his career. At the age of 15 years he was a shop steward, at 17 an active member of the Committee of his trade union branch, at 21 its chairman.

In the evenings, young Feather went to night school to study languages, bookkeeping, commercial law and practice, and various subjects connected with the grocery business. He learned which countries exported what type of foodstuffs and the difference between the scores of varying tea-brands. He became an adept "taster," able to tell instantly the difference between Australian and Turkish raisins, Kenya coffee and Mocha.

WHEN ONLY 20
When he was only twenty, Victor Feather began his speaking career. Two nights a week he lectured

U. N. Charter Day, Bill of Rights Day Observed This Month
For leaders and members of the American Federation of Labor, long concerned with the fight against religious and racial discrimination, two events this month came with more than passing significance, says a press release from the California Federation for Civic Unity.

December 6 marked the sixth anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter while December 15 commemorated the adoption of our own Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to our Constitution, drafted to guarantee equal rights to all citizens, regardless of race, creed or national origin.

Both of these historic documents were intended to preserve the ideals of freedom, justice and equality for which the AFL stands and for which its members have fought since early days.

Organized labor recognizes that only in a free democracy can the worker enjoy full opportunity. And it understands as well that prejudice and discrimination like anti-Semitism or any other form of bigotry weaken the foundations of our free society.

Therefore it behooves every member of every trade union to turn a deaf ear to the rantings of the bigot who tries to turn employer against worker, Christian against Jew, native against foreign-born. More than that, it is the responsibility of everyone in our country to combat such pretexts for our strength lies only in our unity.

The anniversary of the UN Charter and of the Bill of Rights are fitting occasions to remember these things and to rededicate ourselves to the principles of American democracy — the principles which the AFL so strongly supports.

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Fund Drives Praise AFL Participation

NEW YORK (AFL News)—The AFL Division of the National News-letter of Community Chests and Councils of America praised the participation of AFL members and their unions in the 1954 fund campaigns.

The letter said: "Now that most United Community Fund and Community Chest Campaigns have been either kicked-off or successfully completed, each and every AFL member who unselfishly gave of his time and effort to this great common community objective must be sincerely thanked and commended. There is so much good that has been accomplished because those who participated forgot their prejudices and selfish interests and gave of themselves for the good of all."

IRA JAY (LARRY) BLALOCK, a member of Carpenters 36, died here on December 24 at age 52 leaving his widow, Rowena I. Blalock; a son, Larry Lynn; a daughter, Sharon Lee; a sister, Mrs. Emma Stevens; and brothers, Fletcher, John Lester and Roy.

EDWARD L. VALLE, a member of Stationary Engineers 39, passed away here on December 23 leaving his widow, Genevieve; a son, James Edward; a brother, Mario; and a sister, Mrs. Clare Bonaccia.

PG&E MAINTENANCE and the extension of gas and electric lines to serve new customers resulted in the company spending an estimated \$9.5 to \$10 million in Alameda and Contra Costa counties during 1954. W. H. Park, East Bay Division manager of the company, disclosed. The figure, Park said, does not include costs of the mammoth \$75 million steam plant at Pittsburg.

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FROM THE EDITOR TO THE LADIES:

POOR FEEDERS is what farmers in their cheerfully heartless way call hens, pigs, cattle that won't eat well and regularly. Many of these unfortunate creatures are marked for early destruction in the vigorous economies of agricultural enterprise.

And poor feeders is what a lot of teen-age girls are, according to a report on a survey made in Michigan by a woman high school teacher. This lady had a theory that a lot of her girl students weren't really dumb, they were just dumb enough to be hungry, not knowing it, and therefore listless, inattentive, and seemingly dumb.

EATING HABITS of 73 teen-age girls were accordingly surveyed by this energetic teacher. Results reported: 13 usually eat no breakfast at all; 35 have a minimum breakfast; and only 25 of the 73 eat what a home economist would consider an adequate meal, one that would send the girls out bright and eager and capable of doing good studying or good work.

WORST OF ALL: 24 of these girls eat one meal a day, consisting only of candy bars, cokes, peanuts, french fries, or cookies.

Those 24 girls surely don't have very attentive mothers. While it is true that a great many people in America eat too much, because this is a land of plenty, certainly young women can't grow into good health and good health habits if they eat the way this survey shows.

One is reminded of a poem by Karl Shapiro about a drug store where "youth comes to jingle nickels and crack wise," and where after their cokes and other junk "they slump in booths like rags, not even drunk."

Firing of a Coach Versus World News

Under the heading, "First Things First," the Monitor, a Catholic weekly published in San Francisco, recently ran the following editorial:

One of the local newspapers brought out its wood type (usually reserved for the declaration of war) to announce to a breathless public that a certain football coach had been fired.

We don't know why but the scare headline reminded us of a trenchant remark of the Spanish writer de Madariaga that "the East has a flag, the West has none."

We like football as well as the next but what world repercussions the firing of a coach will have escapes us for the moment.

It might indicate, however, the fundamental reason for the failure of the West in recent years. We want to fool ourselves that our world is rising or falling on such insignificant things as a football championship for our town. We think that is what we want. And maybe it is. We want to be left alone in our to pursue our sports and social wranglings and petty political rows.

Meanwhile, Moscow and Peiping know what they want. They want to Communize the world. And they are absolute and uncompromising, using the appearance of "concessions" merely in order to play for time, or to cover up some military operation or scheme of "infiltration," or for the purpose of dividing their enemies.

But we prefer to get excited whether or not a football coach can concoct defensive pass patterns.

How long, O Lord, how long?

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS in Alameda county are outnumbered by the kindergarten and first grade students, says County School Superintendent Vaughn D. Seidel, and with the birth rate in the county increasing he expects this condition to continue for some time.

Women in Politics

AFL Leader

Washington—(AFL News)—The woman's place and particularly the union woman's place—is in politics as well as the kitchen. That's the firm belief of Mrs. Margaret Thornburgh, the live wire director of the women's division of Labor's League for Political Education. And Mrs. Thornburgh not only practices that belief but is preaching it all around the country.

The attractive, vivacious Oklahoma member of the Glass Bottle Blowers is credited with national LLPE officials with being the only person to travel more miles than Vice President Nixon in the 1954 campaign.

But the end of the campaign of 1954 provided only a momentary interruption to her travels—just long enough to get in a short visit back home in Okmulgee. Then she was off again organizing local and state women's divisions of LLPE to get set for the next election. Texas was her first stop after the Nov. 2 election when she started the ball rolling for a women's division there by holding special LLPE women's classes at the Houston, Texas State Federation of Labor school.

Mrs. Thornburgh's job is a new one in the AFL, and she's having to develop her program from scratch.

By the time of the next national campaign in 1956, Mrs. Thornburgh hopes to have active, working women's divisions in every state in the nation so that organized labor can make its whole weight felt on election day.

ELLIS JAMES RAIKE, a member of Hayward Carpenters 1622, died here on December 26 at age 42 leaving his widow, Martha; his mother, Mrs. Liza Raikie; a daughter, Imogene; and a son James Ellis.

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AFL Unions for TV Wins Pension Plan

NEW YORK CITY (AFL News)—A pension plan, believed to be the first established for actors by a performers' union, was agreed on by the four national television networks and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists.

Under the plan, employers will contribute five percent of the "gross compensation" due each TV performer. There will be no contribution by the artists.

It was expected that the pension and welfare program will realize about \$2½ million a year since the networks spend about \$50 million annually for talent.

The fund may affect the entire entertainment industry. While many performers participate in welfare plans, various in the field have no such plans.

An industry spokesman said that "about 10,000 performers at the 'outside' would be covered by the arrangement."

The employers are the American Broadcasting Company, Columbia Broadcasting System, Du Mont television network and National Broadcasting Company. The contract covers their network, plus local stations in New York City, Chicago and Los Angeles.

The plan, subject to ratification by the AFTRA directors and membership, will be submitted to the Internal Revenue Service for approval. After that, contributions will be tax deductible.

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Theater Union Review Continued

By JOE CONNELLY

(Editor's Note: This is the second and final section of Brother Connelly's review of the year.)

July saw Fox taking over the Globe Theater from Telemanagement, followed by the quick resignation of manager Chuck Marquardt who had worked for Fox in the East and felt he could not compromise his convictions and abide by their policies. He later became resident manager of Cinema . . . Nella McDermott, formerly of the Broadway, moved across the street to the Peerless . . . Jimmy Thomas left the Paramount relief door shift to enter the Coast Guard . . . Brother International Secretary - Treasurer William P. Raoul died in Georgia. Our August file is rather skimpy due to the conventions being held at that time, although Brother George Ebey did take over the column on several occasions he was handicapped by lack of cooperation on the part of the members submitting news items . . . Brother William Daul of Stage Hands Union Local 107 was returned to office as secretary-treasurer of the 2nd I. A. district . . . Bill Bentley returned to the business after an absence of a decade to become assistant manager at the Fox-Oakland . . . Eleanor Smith of the Alameda was married . . . Business Manager Joe Connelly of our local was elected to an executive council post at the State Theatrical Federation Convention.

In September Ken Workman left the management of the United Artists in Berkeley to take over Golden State interests in Reno . . . The Oakland Speedway folded to make room for \$25,000,000 shopping center . . . Jimmy Sinech returned from the Army to take over an assistant's berth at the California Theater in Berkeley and to eventually move to the Grand-Lake . . .

George Ebey of the Roxie was married. Carol Cline returned to the Paramount in October after becoming a mother . . . The T & D was held up and the robber was captured and returned for identification within 7 minutes . . . Jim McComb of the Eastmont and Gloria Nufes of the Chimes became Mrs. and Mrs. about this time . . . Claudia Icanberry then of the Parkway now at the Granada became Mrs. Correia . . .

The November file reveals among other things . . . Jack Cornish leaving the assistant's spot at the Paramount . . . Dorothy Wright resuming her surgery . . . Bob Bartelson moving from the Fox-Oakland door to the assistant's spot at the Globe, while Dorothy Terry Sinech, vacated that post to return to the Fox-Oakland box-office.

December saw the wind-up of the Roller Derby at the Auditorium and the "Ice Cycles" following close on its heels . . . Fay Reeder of the Paramount scored a hat-trick on the 150 yard 15th hole at Green Hills . . . John K. Chapel moved from the Globe to the T & D to air his interesting and informative news casts . . . The end of the year also saw several top pictures hitting the local screens, among them "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" at the Roxie, "There's No Business Like Show Business" at the Paramount and "Three Ring Circus" at the Fox-Oakland.

Well, there's our annual review. We only attempted to hit a few highlights of each month. It's condensed, we had to leave somebody and something out. 1954 wasn't a particularly noteworthy year. As it passes we look forward to 1955 and wish you and yours A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR from the officers and members of Theatrical Employees Union Local B-82 I.A.T.S.E.

German and Filipino Labor Men are Entertained by Local Union People

Two labor men from the United States as part of the Government program for educational interchange, were entertained recently by a group of AFL and CIO people here.

Olaf Radke, an officer of the Western German Metal Workers Union, was especially interested in the activities of the CIO Steel Workers here, as his union includes steel workers.

Nicolas M. Cote, general secretary of a public utilities union in Manila, was interested in the work of AFL Electricians 1245, which has jurisdiction over thousands of workers in the Pacific Gas & Electric system, and of the CIO Communication Workers in the telephone system.

Radke is much impressed by the ease with which Americans move about in our vast country. He had in his pocket a look of the passport he has to use to make short trips in work for his union. It was a sizable book, with each document very elaborate, and he assured the local union people, absolutely essential for the conduct of his business.

Radke impressed the people here with his account of the gigantic size of the furnaces in the Ruhr, apparently much larger than the steel workers in this country are accustomed to.

Cote said that the ICFTU, the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, to which both AFL and CIO belong, should have an office in the Philippines, as that island republic is the real base of free trade unionism in Asia.

Cote said that the federating of local unions into national groups has not gone far as yet in his

Screen Guild Urges Curb on Alien Actors

Hollywood, Cal.—(AFL NEWS)—The Screen Actors Guild (AFL) has asked the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service to curb the admission of alien actors for employment in supporting roles in movies made in this country.

The union emphasized it was not objecting to the importation of "stars". It emphasized that many foreign countries, especially Great Britain, prohibit American actors other than stars, from working in pictures made in their own lands.

The Guild's protest was addressed to H. R. Landon, District Director of the Immigration Service. It urged that alien actors admitted on temporary status to this country be permitted to take employment in American movies only when they are recognized as outstanding and when they are to be starred or featured at a salary of not less than \$1,500 a week. It also recommended that the "temporary" status be enforced so that an actor coming here to appear in one picture should not be permitted to remain and accept subsequent offers of employment in other roles.

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There will be a short business meeting between 7 and 8 p.m. in Hall I followed by the installation of officers, introductions, and presentation of awards in Hall M.

As soon as possible the floor will be cleared for dancing. Refreshments will be served in Hall K.

Be sure to bring a partner and enjoy an evening of dancing and good fellowship to the music of our own Tony Tomic and his orchestra.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. CLARK,

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Commencing January 1, 1955, dues will be increased 50 cents per month.

The next regular meeting of this Local will be held on Friday, January 14, 1955 in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Your union officials wish to take this opportunity to extend to all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally yours,

JOSEPH BOTELHO, JR.,

Financial Secretary

Sheet Metal Workers 216
Death Assessment No. 367 is now due and payable. Brother Gustave Risse, No. 57125, a member of Local No. 108, Los Angeles, passed away on November 11, 1954.

Fraternally yours,

LLOYD CHILD,

Business Representative

Millmen 550
This notice is to inform you that Local 550 will hold a special meeting of great importance on Friday, January 14, 1955 starting at 8 p.m. in Hall M in the AFL Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St. Do not fail to attend!

The following information is of special importance to our unemployed members: If you want to continue to be covered by our health and welfare plan, you must pay 1/2 of the premium (\$4.88) by the 10th of the month to be covered. Further information on this subject may be obtained by calling the union business office. Phone TWinoaks 3-7742.

Fraternally yours,

ANTHONY L. RAMOS,

Business Representative

Delinquent Contractor Pays Up When Laborers Welfare Fund Brings Suit

Legal Counsel for the Laborers Health and Welfare Trust Fund for Northern California announces that the Fund collected through court action liquidated damages amounting to \$140.00 from Smith's Plumbing & Heating of Citrus Heights, California, together with \$50.00 on account of attorney's fees and costs.

This payment was secured in settlement of one of the actions filed by the Fund in the Northern California area pursuant to the Fund's program of enforcing liquidated damages against employers who are chronically delinquent in their contributions to the Fund.

Under the terms of the Trust Agreement which established the Laborers Fund, contributions to the Fund for each month are due on the 15th day of the following month and become delinquent if not paid by the 25th day of the month.

The Agreement provides that the amount of damage to the Fund and the Welfare Plan resulting from a delinquency shall be presumed to be the sum of \$20.00 per delinquency or 10% of the amount of the contribution due, whichever is greater.

This provision for liquidated damages was negotiated in order to relieve the contributing employers from the possibility that delinquents might subject them to unlimited liability for benefits lost to laborers by the delinquencies, and

also to reimburse the Fund for increased administrative expenses and other costs connected with delinquencies.

The great majority of contractors who are required to contribute to the Laborers Welfare Fund are making their payments regularly and promptly prior to the delinquency dates.

To protect these contractors from the unfair competition of chiselers and to preserve and maintain the benefits of the Fund for the laborers and their families, the Trustees have directed legal counsel for the Fund to take prompt and vigorous enforcement action against the small minority who are continually delinquent in contributions to the Fund.

WILLIAM (BILL) REZENTE, a member of Structural Shopmen 491, passed away in Richmond on December 30 at age 51 leaving his widow, Winifred; daughters, Jacqueline, Alice and Billie; his father, Joseph; brothers, Manuel and George; sisters, Mrs. Mary Baptista, Mrs. Cecilia Souza, Mrs. Bella Gonsalves and Mrs. Emily Texeira.

HARVEY J. CRIGER, a member of Carmen Division 192, passed away here on December 30 at age 54.

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Strokes of the Brush From Local No. 127

Painters' Welfare Fund Shows Gain

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

The trustees of the Bay Area Welfare Fund analyzed very carefully the financial condition of the fund and at the last meeting determined that increased benefits could be paid without endangering the reserves. (The fund now has over \$250,000 in the reserve fund). This reserve has been built up to take care of any emergency that could possibly arise, such as epidemics, etc.

Any sickness or injury occurring after January 1, 1955 additional benefits will be paid as follows:

A blanket amount of \$2,000 will be paid for Poliomelyitis (in lieu of all other benefits) for both employees and dependents.

The surgical schedule for operations, etc., is now the same for dependents as employees. (Previous to January 1, there was considerable difference in this allowance).

After an employee has 1200 working hours to his credit during a contract year he will be covered during the balance of the contract year even though he has no further earnings. NOTE: This does not mean that an employer will not continue to contribute the regular hourly amount after 1200 hours of employment. As the contract year runs from June 1 to May 31 it could be possible for an employee to have 1200 hours during June, July, August, September, October, and November. He could then become unemployed and still be covered for the next 6 months if he remained unemployed.

The office is always glad to answer questions regarding welfare or any other problems the brothers have. If in doubt phone the office TW. 3-2755 or GL 1-2474.

Again we remind the brothers that the District Council by referendum vote increased the dues of all house painters locals from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per month. Dues for the first quarter of '55 are \$24.00 for beneficial members. When mailing in your dues please take note of this increase.

During the past week another of our brothers was called to the great beyond. Brother Fred Traverso a member since 1937 died on December 29 after a lengthy illness. The officers and members extend their deep sympathies to the family of our departed brother.

Work has slowed down since the start of the New Year but we think this is only temporary. Of course if your employer can use another hand call the office and help your brother members.

Next meeting of the Local will be Thursday, January 13. See you next week.

If Women Quit Working We'd Be in Bad Shape

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—To emphasize the importance of women workers in national life and progress, the U. S. Department of Labor poses this problem: Picture the situation in an individual office, store, factory, restaurant, schoolroom, hospital, telephone exchange, bank, if every woman employed remained away even for a single day.

Exercising the imagination to answer the problem can to some extent envision the basic importance of women's contribution in modern industrial life, the department said in a new bulletin, "Changes in Women's Occupations, 1940-1950."

The number of women workers increased by 4 and 1/2 million between 1940 and 1950. The great majority of them are married and their median age is 36.5 years compared to 32 years in 1940.

Watch It With Watchmakers

Watchmakers List Claims Payments

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We are in the processing of mailing the six months' Insurance Fund Audit and list of claims paid for that period to the employers, therefore, we have listed below the claims paid, for the information of the members:

George L. Masson Jr. (dep. of George Masson), \$95.00; Agnes Johnson, \$10.00; Joe Rosenstock, \$20.00; Genevieve Berschens (dep. of John Berschens), \$64.71; Evangeline Johnson, \$10.00; Mary Westlund (dep. of Archie Westlund), \$200.00; Jessie Wong (dep. of Robert Wong), \$112.50; Ernie Anselmi, \$20.00; James Cates, \$10.00; Harry Rosenstock (dep. of Joe Rosenstock), \$206.28; Mary Alliston (dep. of Wm. F. Alliston), \$136.75; Harry Wurthmann, \$968.97; Rosemary McCaskie (dep. of Allan D. McCaskie), \$200.00; Alice Hansen (dep. of Oscar Hansen), \$189.00; Harvey C. Lloyds, \$358.75; Robert H. H. Wong, \$243.50.

SAN JOSE MEMBERS FOLLOW: Muriel Kopp (dep. of Harry J. Kopp), \$197.00; Donald J. Smith, \$10.00; Peter P. Brooks, \$8.50; Emil Neprash, \$50.00; Carl H. Thompson, \$20.00; Nancy Swensen, (dep. of Melvin L. Swensen), \$303.00; Henry A. Hulegard, \$70.15; Victor Woodfill, \$40.00; Herbert Teel, \$15.00; Emil Neprash, \$812.00. FOLLOWING MEMBERS COVERED BY KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH SERVICE PLAN WERE PAID SICKNESS OR ACCIDENT BENEFITS: George Brown, \$13.71; Yoshio I. Ikegaki, \$238.85; Hugo Koskela, \$125.75; Thomas Scott, \$588.00; Inesly Edmunds, \$176.00; Clarice Black (dep. of Wm. Paul Black), \$250.00. Exclusion Coverage: \$250.00. DEATH BENEFIT: To the beneficiary of Harry Wurthmann, \$2500.00.

JOSEPH H. SEATON, a member of Retail Clerks 870, passed away here on December 31.

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State Issues Jobless Insurance to Federals

State Department of Employment offices began accepting unemployment insurance claims from unemployed Federal workers this week under the terms of the new Federal law which extends coverage to most civilian employees of the U. S. Government.

State Employment Director William A. Burkett announces:

"Federal workers now unemployed may file a claim regardless of when they actually left their Federal jobs. But to qualify for benefits the person must have had Federal employment between July 1, 1953, and June 30, 1954, and during that period must have earned minimum amount of wages required by the California law."

WILLIAM LAMBERT, a member of Shipyard Laborers 886, passed away in Hayward on December 30 at age 69 leaving his widow, Anna M.

HARRY FRANK, a member of Automotive Machinists 1546, passed away here on December 28 leaving sons, Arnold J. and Harold E.; daughters, Mrs. Rosellen F. Roderick and Mrs. Bette Patterson; and five grandchildren.

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Carpenters Auxiliary Plans Busy Two Weeks

By MAE A. BRISTOW

Just a little reminder of what we have for January 1955 for members of Carpenters Ladies Auxiliary 160. First we have the executive board at Aline Haakes on the 13th, Second Thursday.

Second we have our regular social meeting on the 14th. Then we have the whist at Agnes Anderson's on the 15th. A busy first two weeks. Do not forget our business meeting on the 28th, 1955. Our sewing club meets at the home of Mary Nell and do not forget your white elephants. The fourth Tuesday is the day.

Try and attend all of these meetings and learn what your Auxiliary is doing and what it plans to do in the future. Do not depend on second hand information. Be there yourself.

Sorry to report that Martha Light met with a slight accident to her hand. Hurt it while she was washing. Better be careful Martha. Martha also entertained her daughter and children over Christmas. Her daughter returned home but left the children with Martha. Over New Years she came for them. Grand-children always welcome.

Mary Nell and Onus spent Christmas holidays in Fresno with their son and daughter-in-law. And the children of course. All had a fine time.

There is not much news today as we have not had any meetings. Just a few lines to hope every thing will be better for all this year of 1955.

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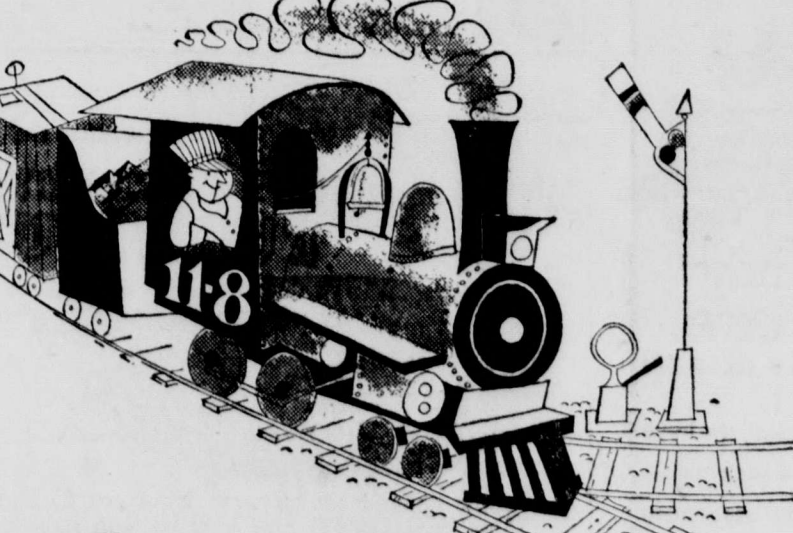
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OPINIONS

HOWEVER...

Editor, Labor Journal:

With you, I desire the tendencies of journalism to overlay sex and of "unice" to become merely branches of big business (issue of Dec. 24).

However, I feel you should be ashamed of hitting below the belt on one of your accusations and that you have forgotten a basic fact in another.

First, I have seen few, if any, bosomy pictures in the commercial press identifying the female as a member of "some AFL outfit," as you claim they "usually" do with "a hypocritical smirk." This statement makes it appear that you are suffering with a persecution complex for labor, which certainly is not healthy.

I, too, think it is entirely wrong for us workers to get a complex in which we won't work alongside others because they won't drive the same kind of car. There is no reason why a teamster should hate railroads and airlines. However, the many situations in which workers feel no loyalty to their employer or no pride in his product, except as it pays their salary, do not contribute in the long run to the betterment of unions or to the well-being of mankind.

I, for one, do not believe loyalty to unions and employers is an either/or proposition, or that loyalty to employer implies being a "stooge."

Sincerely yours,

WINSTON H. TAYLOR

Mill Valley
Dec. 30, 1954.

Editor's Note: Perhaps our language was somewhat unclear in the issue to which Brother Taylor refers. We meant to say: 1. Labor papers imitate the commercial dailies by running "bosomy pictures." 2. The labor papers in doing so usually inform their readers with a hypocritical smirk that the lady in question belongs to some AFL outfit.

FIVE PARTIES

It would appear at the moment that we have five political parties in the 84th Congress. We suppose you could line them up from left to right like they do in the newspaper pictures. On the left would be the so-called Northern liberal wing of the Democratic Party which we might call the AD Acrats. Next would be the left wing of the Republican Party which we might call the Republicans. Then would come the right wing of the Democratic Party which we could call the Dixiegrays. And way over on the right would be the Republican McCarthyans. No. 5, Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon, is smart. He's got his own one-man party—United Mine Workers Journal.

COLD SOBER

The Eisenhower chieftains, having made careful analysis of the 1954 election results, have come up with a sober conclusion. The appeal of the Republican Party to the American people is still not sufficiently broad. The majority of Americans still would rely on the Democratic Party rather than the Republicans at the slightest breeze of economic ill fortune. Somehow, the GOP must become a larger repository of American confidence, must present a broader appeal—William H. Stricker, chief, Washington bureau, Christian Science Monitor.

CHURCH VOTE

Maryland's Governor Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin was recently re-elected to a second term and in all probability the church vote was a big factor. McKeldin, a Methodist, attends Episcopal Church, fasts on Yom Kippur and eats no meat on Friday. In addition, he spends almost every Sunday preaching from one pulpit or another across the State—Public Affairs Institute.

LEGION

... We never have accused the American Legion of being a liberal organization, but we never fully realized how far to the right it is—that is, how far right its top leaders are—until we recently picked up a copy of the Legion's monthly magazine. Strictly from McCarthy—Colorado Labor Advocate.

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Editorials

Knight Bicycles Way Through Labor Appointment Difficulty

The appointment of Ernest B. Webb as State Director of Industrial Relations must have come as a painful surprise to the considerable number of pro-Knight AFL men who had been promised, or thought or hoped they had been promised, this principal labor post in the State Government.

Webb has been on the Industrial Accident Commission for ten years, and as a member of that commission couldn't have stuck his neck out for Knight's election as did some of the boys who were persuaded to go along with that gentleman's candidacy for the Governorship.

During the campaign informal overtures were made to more than one AFL man as to how he would like to be made Director of Industrial Relations if the Knight in Shining Armor, Without Fear and Without Reproach, happened to become Governor. Several are believed to have bravely admitted that they wouldn't mind having the \$12,000 Cabinet post one little bit. Others figured, doubtless, that the informal suggestions, made by persons who could be declared later to have been unauthorized, were just so many pieces of fly-paper for the flies.

The San Francisco Chronicle in a dispatch from its special correspondent in Sacramento, says:

"Appointment of Webb... had been urged by C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the State AFL."

Whether or not he received advice on this appointment, Knight himself undoubtedly has enough political savvy to know that if he handed this plum to any one of the lately-become-Knightists in the AFL, he'd arouse a lot of hostility among all the rest of them who had their eyes on the job. By handing the plum to an AFL man who was appointed by Earl Warren to a State post and twice reappointed by him, Knight accomplished one positive purpose and avoided one negative difficulty.

For by appointing a seasoned Warrenite Knight kept up the pretense that he is a liberal as Warren was, or was popularly supposed to be. By not feeding the plum to any one of the AFL newcomers in the ranks of the Knight Republicans he avoided violently offending all the rest of 'em. Thus he rode through dangers on that bicycle he straddled so effectively in the publicity photograph of him which landed in all the dailies recently.

Of course, the post of Director of Industrial Relations is much more than a political plum. It is an important administrative position which means much for the welfare of labor. It is to be hoped that Webb, who served briefly as secretary of the Central Labor Council, and was for years before that member of a trade union, has the knowledge and spirit needed for the post.

Webb may, however, find himself in the uncomfortable spot of Secretary of Labor Mitchell in the anti-labor Eisenhower Administration. The job of chief labor official in an anti-labor Administration, whether Federal or State, is by no means a pleasant one.

Anti-Housing Man in Housing Post

Tricky Dick McNixon is using his job as Vice President of the United States to build himself a nice little machine. The latest feat for which he is getting "credit" in the press is the landing of a \$13,000 a year job for Oakley Hunter, of Fresno, reactionary Republican who lost his seat in Congress when defeated in the recent election by B. F. Sisk, Democrat.

Hunter while in Congress, according to the AFL record, cast 17 bad votes and no good votes. He proved himself such a foe of public housing that, as Labor's Daily puts it, he "even voted against President Eisenhower's little four-year \$35,000-a-year public housing bill." Yet Tricky Dick McNixon by heave-ho-ing on a lot of wires landed Hunter the job as top lawyer of the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency!

Hunter won't lose a day's pay. His term as Congressman ends January 5, but two days before that, on January 3, he took office in his new post as general counsel of the important housing agency.

Hunter succeeds B. T. Fitzpatrick, a Federal civil servant since 1933. Fitzpatrick was pried out on the ground it was a policy-making post which should be held by a Republican.

The New York Times says that the Vice President first tried to get Hunter the job of Assistant Secretary of Agriculture in charge of commodity matters. But Secretary of Agriculture Benson didn't seem to think that Hunter's previous career as an FBI man particularly fitted him for such a post requiring expert knowledge. So Tricky Dick tried again: he tried to have Hunter made the Department of Agriculture's liaison man with Congress. Foiled again! For some other Republican beat McNixon's pet to that job.

Finally, however, Hunter was landed in the housing job.

Well, why shouldn't a confirmed anti-housing man hold a high place in the Eisenhower anti-housing Administration? For Albert M. Cole, who is the head man in the agency Lane Duck Hunter will counsel, was himself so opposed to public housing that when he was a Congressman from Kansas he introduced in 1951 an amendment to deny the Government the authority to acquire sites for housing development in isolated defense installation areas. Incidentally, Hunter voted for that amendment. So Cole and Hunter understand each other. How they must laugh at landlord-gyped renters as they sit at the top of the housing agency whose principal job under the Eisenhower Administration is to kill off housing!

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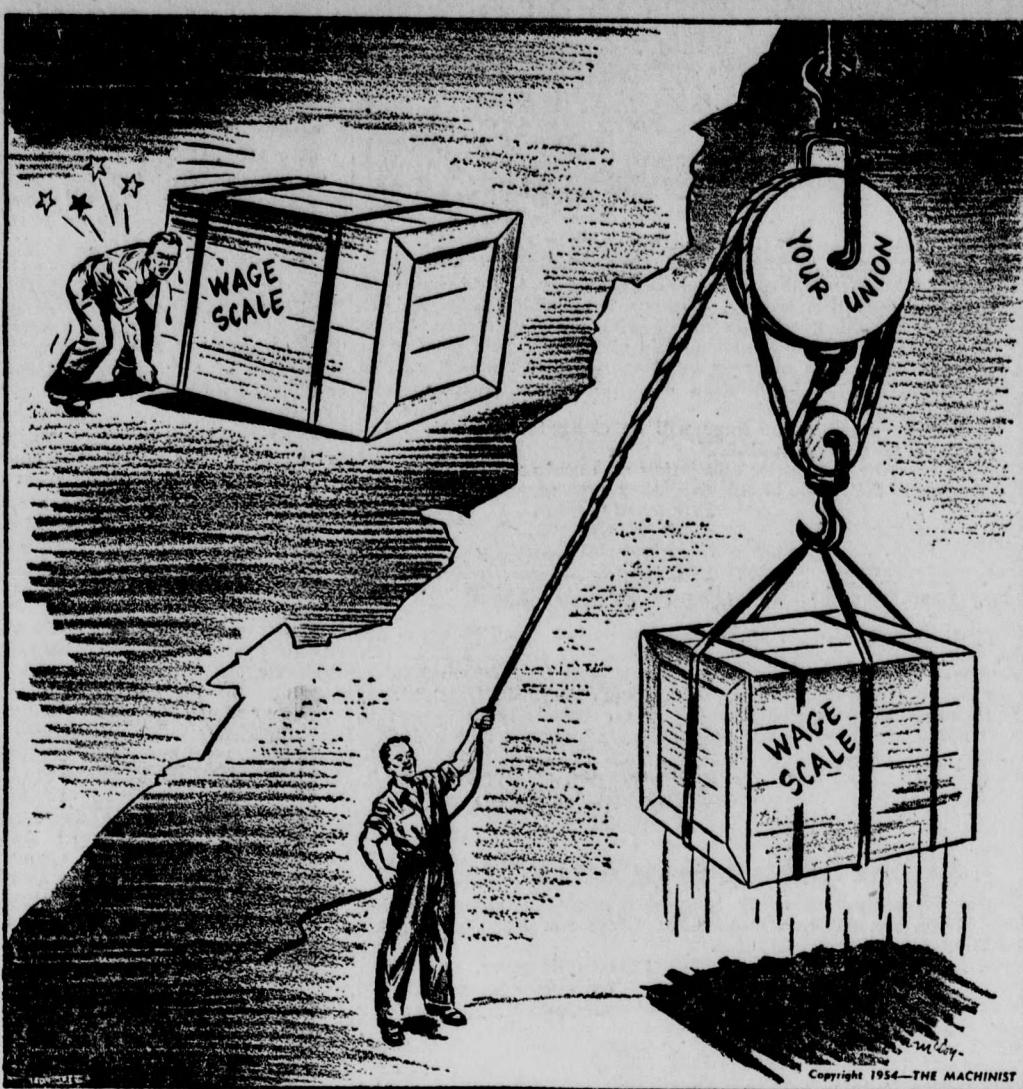
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Communist Paper Here 'Co-Exists' For 17 Years, ILWU a Little Longer

"Peaceful Coexistence" — well, keeps rolling along in the Bay Area. Commies or alleged Commies, and Conservatives or alleged Conservatives, manage to survive together.

Labor people were reminded of this when the Communist Daily People's World of San Francisco and way stations announced that the New Year marked the 17th anniversary of the paper, since it was founded January 1, 1938.

The paper was founded some four months after the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Association was founded under the leadership of Harry Bridges.

Both the paper and Bridges have been repeatedly attacked as Communist, but the Daily People's World has gone on co-existing with the big dailies of the area, and the Bridges-led union has coexisted with the anti-Communist unions.

East Bay Labor Journal of August 13, 1937, tells on the first page the story of the suspending of five locals of the International Longshoremen's Association from the State Federation of Labor. It was this suspension of the ILA on the Pacific Coast which led to Bridges setting up these five locals as the foundation of the ILWU, at first as part of the CIO.

The suspending of the Bridges-led locals was done by Edward D. Vandeleur, then secretary of the State Federation, upon authorization of William Green, then AFL president, who wired Vandeleur that "locals voting CIO forfeited the right to be represented in central bodies and the State Federation of Labor."

East Bay Labor Journal in its 1937 account said that "Vandeleur's action emphasizes the steps being taken to purge the State Federation of CIO Communist groups."

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Settlement Averts Railmen Pay Cut

WASHINGTON—(AFL News)—A settlement averting a one-cent-an-hour pay cut for 825,000 non-operating railroad employees and canceling the escalator clause was announced by Earl Leighty, negotiations chairman for the 15 "non-op" unions.

In addition, a 13-cent improvement in hourly pay which has been taken place under the escalator clause since 1951 was incorporated in the workers' basic wage scale. Leighty said the contract was signed with most of the nation's railroads.

The workers' pay was scheduled to drop by one cent on Jan. 1 because of the reduced level of living costs, reflected in the Labor Department's consumer price index.

He reported that negotiators also have arrived at "substantial agreement" on a plan for effecting a health and welfare program for the workers on Feb. 1.

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The group—now part of the International Typographical Union was founded on December 10, 1814 by 19 Washington printers to form "one body for the mutual benefit of each."

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Ousted Twice, This Labor Man Climbed In the Third Time

August Claessens, on the educational staff of the AFL Ladies Garment Workers and an advisor to the CIO Auto Workers, who died recently in New York at the age of 69, had several times visited the Bay Area, and had friends here.

Claessens died of a heart attack. The Social Democratic Federation, a right wing Socialist group, of which Claessens had been national chairman, was planning to celebrate his 70th birthday next April. Claessens joined the Socialist party in 1909, and twice participated in disputes over Communism, each time opposing any connection of Socialists with Communists politically.

Claessens could look back on the days after World War I when conservatives viewed Socialists with real or affected horror of a McCarthy type.

On April 1, 1920, Claessens was one of five Socialist Assemblymen expelled from the New York State Assembly on the ground that membership in the Socialist party constituted disloyalty to the United States. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1917.

The majority report urging expulsion called the party "a disloyal organization composed exclusively of perpetual traitors" and intent upon the overthrow of the Government by force and violence.

Charles Evans Hughes was conspicuous then in his opposition to the Assembly's action, which also affected Louis Waldman, labor lawyer; Samuel Orr, Samuel A. Dewitt and Charles Solomon, now a city magistrate.

Claessens was re-elected at a special election the next September but again the forces led by Speaker Thaddeus C. Sweet of Oswego refused to seat him. Finally, in 1922 he was again re-elected and seated.

Political Party Costs Should Be Financed by State, Labor Group Says

The California CIO Council will sponsor election reforms in the current session of the Legislature, says John A. Despol, the organization's legislative spokesman. Following are the proposals:

1—One dollar per registered voters would be earmarked from the State's general treasury for the party of his choice: 50 cents of it for the party's State Central Committee; 50 cents for the party's County Central Committee.

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William B. Mullin and Louis Burgess of East Bay Labor Journal were also present.

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